

University of Oxford

LANGUAGE CENTRE PRE-SESSIONAL PROGRAMME



OXFORD PRE-SESSIONAL

The University of Oxford *Summer Pre-sessional English* Programme is open to all non-native speakers preparing to study at the University

The Pre-Sessional course is a full-time intensive course over six weeks. It is geared towards improving the academic language and literacy of students and provides an opportunity to meet and connect with people from around the world, learn about British culture and visit places of interest in and around Oxford. This allows you to integrate into University and hit the ground running in October.

COURSE DETAILS

DATES: AUGUST 10 - SEPTEMBER 18

LESSONS: 4 PER DAY / 16 PER WEEK

TOTAL WEEKLY TUITION: 20 HRS
(Plus Excursions)

PRICE: £3,250



WHY APPLY?

“With its ‘dreaming spires’, Oxford is really the most magical place I’ve visited. I will cherish the time I spent here for the rest of my life.”



The Pre-session course will help you:

- Write academic English for different audiences and purposes
- Read more effectively, with increased efficiency and speed
- Understand grammatical aspects of language that pose difficulty or non-native writers
- Become confident at using academic spoken English in presentations, seminars and tutorials and improve pronunciation
- Learn effectively from lectures and develop critical thinking and academic study skills

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION



This first of two components covered in the course focuses on all aspects of written language production and comprehension, including:

Academic Reading

Aimed at helping students read with increased efficiency and speed, while enabling them to cope with problems encountered during reading.

Academic Writing

Along with providing a comprehensive review of the foundations of academic, students will have the opportunity to research and write within their discipline.

Language Study

Covers grammatical aspects of language that pose difficulty for non-native writers. The focus is placed on reviewing English syntax with a view to increasing one's technical knowledge of English and, in so doing, improving your written work.

SPOKEN COMMUNICATION

This second component of the Pre-sessional course covers all aspects of spoken language, including:

Academic Listening

While some listening to social, informal English is included in these lessons, the main objective is to prepare students to deal with lectures, seminars and tutorials.

Academic Speaking and Presentation Skills

Students take part in: individual/group presentations, seminars, debates, panel and group discussions. In this module, students prepare two presentations, including one solo presentation in their area of academic specialisation.

Communication and Pronunciation

Helps develop fluency in formal and informal contexts. This includes oral work (appropriate responses, vocabulary etc.), as well taking part in academic simulations. The dedicated 'pronunciation' lessons are help students improve stress, intonation etc.





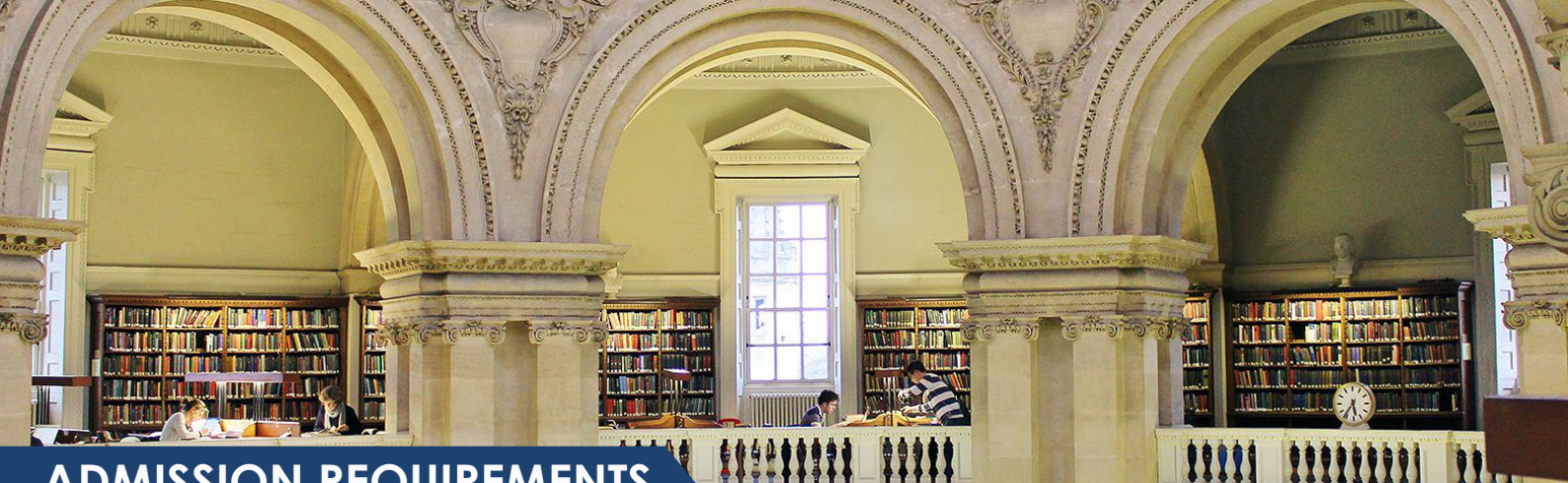
Throughout the Pre-session, there are social activities and excursions to places of cultural interest, both in Oxford and around southern England.

In past years, some of the excursions included:

- Punting on the River Cherwell
- A day trip to Bath and the Roman Baths
- Creme tea at Blenheim Palace
- A visit to Stratford-upon-Avon and Warwick Castle

All trips and excursions are part of the Pre-session and do not incur an additional charge.





ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission Requirements

The course is open to all students with conditional or unconditional offers from Oxford University, as well as academic visitors and prospective students intending to study at other universities.

- Before commencing on the course, applicants need to demonstrate their current level of English prior to commencing. English tests recognised by the Language Centre include: IELTS, TOEFL, CAE and CPE



PRICING



COURSE FEE

PRE-SESSIONAL INTENSIVE: £3,250

DEPOSIT: £350

The course fee includes all tuition, course materials and excursions to places of interest. After receiving your acceptance letter, a deposit is required to secure your place. The balance is due by the **27th of July**.

Please note: the course fee does not include accommodation for your time in Oxford. Please see following page for information.

ACCOMMODATION



Students studying at Oxford University often secure accommodation in their own colleges for the summer Pre-session period. In the first instance, students should contact their college as soon as possible to enquire about the availability, and cost, of rooms for August and September.

If college accommodation is not available, or for students intending to study at other universities, the Language Centre can provide information about suitable student accommodation in Oxford.

VISA INFORMATION

Not all students applying for the *Pre-sessional* will require a visa. However, for non-EU students applying from abroad, it is possible to join these programmes with either a Short-term Study Visa or a Tier 4 Visa.

Please see below for information:



Short-term Study Visa

For students who do not have an offer to study at a UK university following the *Pre-sessional* Programme, a Short-term study visa may be the appropriate route. Please see the official government website for details and instructions on how to apply:

<https://www.gov.uk/study-visit-visa>

Following your successful application onto the *Pre-sessional*, the Language Centre will be happy to provide a letter of acceptance that can be used in support of your Short-term Study Visa application.

Tier 4 Visa

Students with an offer to study at Oxford, or another UK university, directly following the *Pre-sessional* should consider applying for a Tier 4 Visa. You can find details and instructions on how to apply here:

<https://www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa>

Following your successful application onto the *Pre-sessional*, and payment of your deposit, the Language Centre will be happy to provide support in obtaining a CAS for your Tier 4 Visa application.